



WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Field Operation Rule Interpretation

Title: Possession, Use and Storage of House- Banked Gaming Tables

WAC 230-02-412, Gambling Equipment Defined

WAC 230-40-030, Number of Tables and Players

RCW 9.46.0282, Number of Tables per Establishment

Summary:

Clarifies:

- (1) *The number of card tables an establishment may possess*
- (2) *The number of tables an establishment may have on the gaming floor or public area of the establishment*
- (3) *Authorized storage locations for gaming tables*

Text: *Several questions have arisen regarding the possession, use, and storage of gaming tables in a house banked establishment. RCW limits the number of tables to the establishment as a whole, while WAC limits the number of tables on the gaming floor.*

MAY A HOUSE BANKED LICENSEE POSSESS MORE TABLES THAN THE LICENSE ALLOWS?

Yes, but excess tables must be stored in an area of the establishment that is not open to the public at any time. In addition, the stored tables can not be used for gambling while not on the gaming floor.

MAY GAMING TABLES BE STORED AWAY FROM THE LICENSED PREMISES?

No. Gambling Equipment can only be possessed with a gambling license, and a gambling license only applies to a specific premises.

MAY A HOUSE BANKED LICENSEE CHANGE A GAMING TABLE INTO SOME OTHER USE, LEAVE IT ON THE GAMING FLOOR AND ADD ANOTHER GAMING TABLE?

No. If a licensee wants to exchange table/games on the gaming floor or any other area of the establishment open to the public, an existing gaming table must be removed and stored as allowed above. The number of tables on the gaming floor, regardless of use, can not exceed the number of allowable tables of the license held by the establishment.

All changes or proposals must be submitted to the local agent for approval and insertion into the licensee's internal controls.

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